

**Report the ECP/GR *ad hoc* meeting on Umbellifer Genetic Resources held at the Scottish Agricultural Science Agency in Edinburgh on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2001.**

Objective of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to establish the extent of information on the most commercially important Umbellifer genera such as the size and content of existing European collections (wild types, landraces, cultivars), the extent of passport and other information (ecogeographic, characterisation evaluation, taxonomic, breeding, main crop types, cultivars and commercial use) and characters already defined. Nine genera were targeted: Chervil, Caraway, Carrot, Coriander, Celery/Celeriac, Dill, Fennel, Parsley and Parsnip, though the information on Carrot was considerably greater than other crops due to the work undertaken for the current EU GenRes project.

Outcome

Participants indicated the number of wild types, landraces and cultivars in their collections, what breeding was known, where it was currently undertaken and how material was commercially used. Known characterisation and evaluation information was noted along with ecogeographic and taxonomic information. Information on characters which have already been defined, is already published in UPOV and IPGRI guidelines. Lists of currently commercialised cultivars for some crops in the target Umbellifer genera are published in the European Community Common Catalogue of Vegetable Varieties. Passport information on the accessions stored in current European collections was partly available and could be collated.

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